

## Overview:

### Faith App

#### Why use this a App?

Faith and its influence on today's society seems to hit the headlines almost daily. This App helps you to think about faith and the impact it has, or could have, on your everyday life. The App helps you to identify the beliefs of those claiming to be Christians, but it also helps you understand the

#### How do I use it?

The App is split into five programmes. Each one should take four to six hours.

The programmes:

<b>The "Bride" of Christ</b>	(Exploring the church)
<b>I Believe in...</b>	(Other beliefs)
<b>The Root of the Matter</b>	(Beliefs and values)
<b>Let your Light Shine</b>	(Living your faith)
<b>Saints at Work</b>	(People of faith)

Each programme presents you with a challenge. Here are the five challenges from the Adventure App:

Your Challenge:	<b>The "Bride" of Christ</b> (Exploring the church) Explore one of the many ways the church exists materially in the community today and find a way to better understand it or to be involved in it.
Your Challenge:	<b>I Believe in...</b> (Other faiths) New Zealand is becoming a much more multicultural society with people of many different faiths. Make yourself aware of one of these faiths that exists in your community.
Your Challenge:	<b>The Root of the Matter</b> (Beliefs and values) Explore the ways in which people's different beliefs motivate their behaviour and daily living, and in doing so, try to clarify your own belief system.
Your Challenge:	<b>Let Your Light Shine</b> (Living your faith) Consider how you should show your faith in your daily living as set against a background of today's modern world.
Your Challenge:	<b>Saints at Work</b> (People of faith) What does it mean to live out your beliefs in the public eye? Choose a well-known person and discover what faith means/meant to them.

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**Your challenge:**

**The "Bride" of Christ:** (Exploring the church)

Explore one of the many ways the church exists materially in the community today and find a way to better understand it or to be involved in it.

**Ideas:**

These ideas suggest ways in which you might accomplish the challenge, but you may do it any way you like.

**You could:**

- Interview an older person who has been attending your church for a long time and identify the core beliefs that have remained with them throughout the years as the church adapts to coexist with modern society.
- Consider your responsibilities of belonging to a church. Provide some practical assistance in the day to day running of the church eg Sunday School helper, sound desk assistant, graphic designer of weekly bulletins, meeter and greeter, helper in crèche.
- Investigate the different ways that people "do" church eg in a traditional building or school hall, on a Sunday or mid week, in a mega church or small group.
- Study the history of various Christian denominations, visit with the clergy/pastor at some of these and decide why their denomination is still important to many churchgoers today.

**Set the scene:**

Think/talk through what the challenge is about. These questions might help you:

- What do you already know about the subject and what else do you need to find out?
- Where might you find out more information?
- What useful skills/contacts do you/other members of your group possess to help with this challenge?
- What difficulties do you think you might face?

**Design:**

Study some of the information you have gathered and consider how you will complete the challenge.

**Who?** Do you need anyone to help/train/supervise/advise you?

**What?** What special equipment/space/advice do you need to complete the challenge?

**How much?** What costs might be involved and how will this funding be found?

**When?** Are there any dates or time lines you must set in order to ensure you meet your deadlines?

**Investigate the Christian perspective:**

Find out what the Bible/other Christians say about this topic.

- Read Revelations Chapters 2 and 3 which contain messages to seven churches. Choose one of these churches and in your own words explain the message they got.
- If God was wanting to give a message to your own church what do you think He would say? What would He be pleased about and where could you "do better"?

**Respond:** Make it happen! Put your plan into action and complete the challenge.

**Evaluate:**

Think through how successful you have been with this challenge. Consider:

- What do you think you have learnt through working on this challenge?
- Which skills, talents or abilities did you use in your involvement in this project?
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- How has this challenge given you a Christian perspective on issues which you face in everyday life?

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**I Believe in...:** (Other faiths)

New Zealand is becoming a much more multicultural society with people of many different faiths. Make yourself aware of one of these faiths that exist in your community.

**Ideas:**

These ideas suggest ways in which you might accomplish the challenge, but you may do it any way you like. You could:

- Identify one faith community active in your area and learn about their life and faith so that you have a better understanding of them.
- Produce a poster outlining what different faiths have in common and what makes them unique.
- Be part of a group who hosts a gathering of representatives of various faiths in your community and ask them to each say a few words about their faith. Serve refreshments that represent the countries where these faiths were founded.

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A sense of community is important at camps / residential events. What would be your definition of community?

- Read 1 Peter Ch.3:15. Prepare your own personal "Elevator Speech" in response.
- In what ways can Christians demonstrate their faith in their day-to-day living?
- Have a look at what Jesus says about this subject in Mark Ch.10:17-21.

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**The Root of the Matter:** (Beliefs and values)

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- Explore some of the different ways that parents bring up their children. Where did they get their ideas from? List the attributes of what in your personal opinion would be the great role model parent.
- Choose an event in history caused by a particular belief system eg The abolition of slavery, the attack on the Twin Towers, a particular war. Build an exhibition with captions and explanations of the beliefs and values involved.
- Choose one evening in which you watch the news on TV. From this choose an issue to investigate further and interview various people who have different viewpoints on the matter. Decide where you stand on the issue.
- Most groups who meet together have a shared set of beliefs and values that is at the heart of the group. In your group discuss what these are and display them in such a way that anyone joining your group knows what you stand for.

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- A "Creed" is a statement of belief. "The Apostles' Creed" is the very old statement written about fifty years after the last part of the New Testament of the Bible was written and is a statement of Christian belief.
- Go through The Apostles' Creed line by line and discuss the meaning of each belief.
- In a journal write your responses to each belief. Date it, review it annually and add further comments as you receive new insights and understandings.

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**Let Your Light Shine:** (Living your faith)

Consider how you should show your faith in your daily living as set against a background of today's modern world.

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These ideas suggest ways in which you might accomplish the challenge, but you may do it any way you like. You could:

- Consider the ways living the Christian faith influences the way you act at school, college or in the workplace. Does it affect the way you shop, your attitude at home, the choice of parties you attend. Design a flyer for young Christians giving some tools and techniques on surviving at school and socially.
- Keep a "Light Journal" for a month and record each time you gave some practical help and each time you had to turn down something that went against your values. Chat about this with a trusted mentor.
- Read the Ten Commandments then have a go at rewriting them in your own modern version.
- Jesus went about "doing good". Do some good in your church or community by giving a helping hand to someone who needs it. Eg Young mum, the elderly.

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- Read Matthew Chapters 5 to 7. This is known as "The Sermon on the Mount".
- Make a list of all the practical aspects of Christian living that Jesus spoke about.
- As a group come up with a "Sermon on the Mount" for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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What does it mean to live out your beliefs in the public eye? Choose a well-known person and discover what faith means/meant to them.

**Ideas:**

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- Study a well-known Bible character who put their life at risk (eg Daniel or Esther) and produce a short drama about their life.
- Contact a local Christian charity and produce a display about their work. Display it at a library, church or shopping mall.
- Explore the story of a missionary past or present, or someone who has been involved in a short term mission trip, and discover how they have been used by God. Present your results in a PowerPoint.
- Spotlight a Christian band member or Christian song writer. Learn about their life. Put on a short concert where their songs are played/sung and share what you found out about the way God has enabled them to develop their talents and share their faith through music.

**Set the scene:**

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- Read Hebrews Chapter 11 and list the men and women of faith included.
- Choose your favourite three of four and pinpoint what made them special.
- Write a few verses in the style of Hebrews Chapter 11, or a song or a rap honouring some of your own modern day Christian heroes.

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**Your chosen challenge:**

**Ideas:**

Outline your idea:

**Set the scene:**

Jot down your initial thoughts/questions:

**Design:**

Consider who will be involved, when it will happen, what you will need and how much it will cost etc.

Who?

What?

How much?

When?

**Investigate the Christian perspective:**

Outline how you will find out what the Bible/other Christians say about this topic.

Will you have a specified time every week or one whole evening focused on this aspect of your challenge?

Will it be led by visitors/your leader/your chaplain/members of your group?

**Respond**

Now use the challenge plan on the next page to help you to make it happen!

Work out what will happen each week.

Identify who you will need to help you/who is inviting them/who is leading/who will be involved in each activity etc.

Ensure you will have the resources you will need.

Record the time you are involved each week to keep track of your progress.

**Evaluate**

Think through how successful you have been by considering the evaluation questions.

Record your story in my i - **chievement** journal

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Challenge plan**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b> What will you do this week?	<b>Who</b> Who will support you to facilitate this session?	<b>What</b> What equipment is needed?
<b>Week/step 1</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/Step 2</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 3</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 4</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 5</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 6</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 7</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 8</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 9</b> Date: Time:			
<b>Week/step 10</b> Date: Time:			

*Copy for additional weeks as required.*